

DISCUSSED THE POWER SCHEME

COUNCIL CONSIDERS ROCKY RAPIDS PROPOSITION AT SPECIAL MEETING.

The proposition of the Edmonton Heat & Power Co. to deliver electric energy to the city from Rocky Rapids on the Saskatchewan River was the subject of discussion at a special meeting of the city council called for that purpose last evening.

Alternative proposals are made by the company. The first is the purchase by the city of the complete plant, generating and delivering 20,000 h.p. for the sum of \$3,000,000 to be paid in thirty year 4-3 per cent debentures.

The council was almost unanimous in rejecting the first proposition. "So far as I am concerned it is settled," said Ald. Gowan. "To tie this city up for thirty years for \$3,000,000 is ridiculous."

Opposed to purchase. "I can't see that we are in a position to think of purchasing this plant at an expenditure of \$3,000,000. We have 10,000 horse power materialized right here. It has to be paid for and carried, and in addition there is the interest, sinking fund and depreciation. It seems to me to be out of the question."

No final conclusion was reached regarding the second proposition. Some discussion arose out of the fact that the city would be required to pay \$27 per h.p. for 10,000 h.p., whereas the whole amount was used of not. The present peak load is 1,600 k.w., and many of the aldermen were of the opinion that it would be long before the city would use 10,000 h.p.

Not as it appears. "It does not figure out as it appears," said the mayor. "It amounts practically to about \$72 per h.p. working on the basis of a nine hour day. In addition there is the interest and sinking fund on the plant. It might not be unreasonable if they would agree to accept \$27 per h.p. for the amount we actually use."

Ald. Gowan said that he had made up his mind on this matter and was of the opinion that "they should turn the whole proposition down flat." "We want the aldermen," said Ald. Landry, "but I think we should require them to give a price for the power we actually use."

Finally it was decided to obtain further information before taking action.

SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN

Cabinet Decides to Submit the Associations Bill to the Cortes. Statement of Premier—Affirms He Will Remain in Power and Carry Out Program.

Madrid, March 8.—A very important meeting of the cabinet was held at the palace today, the King presiding, at which the attitude of the Vatican was the principal subject of discussion.

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Big Fire in St. Johns, Quebec. St. Johns, Que., March 6.—Several business establishments were gutted and damages estimated at fifteen thousand dollars was caused by a fire which broke out at three o'clock this morning in Richelieu street. Narcisse Croites' umbrella factory was completely destroyed and considerable damage was done to Guy's drug store and Normandin's straw hat factory. Several barns adjoining were entirely consumed. The splendid work of the fire fighters prevented a far more serious conflagration.

Trade Commissioner Resigns. Ottawa, March 6.—E. S. Kirkpatrick, trade commissioner at Cuba has tendered his resignation. Mr. Kirkpatrick is to be succeeded by J. E. Ray, formerly trade commissioner at Cuba. South Africa is in progress of a department of trade and commerce and a communication asking for information as to the working of the department has been received from the government at Capetown.

Broken Rail Causes Wreck. Vancouver, March 5.—A broken rail caused a smash-up Saturday night on the Nicola river. Three passenger cars, three coaches and five coal cars were derailed. The passenger cars were badly shaken, but no one was hurt. The only thing that was broken into the river was the breaking of the couplings between the

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Big Agitation Begun in Coast City As Result of Refusal of Legislature to Provide for Annexation of South Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 4.—Quite a political stir has arisen in Vancouver over a local agitation to enlarge the limits of the city to take in South Vancouver. The latter is now a city of over forty thousand and of three times the area of Vancouver itself.

Mayor L. D. Taylor and a majority of the Vancouver council were in favor of the scheme, which was urged with great vehemence in order that joint sewer and waterworks schemes might be carried out. But in spite of vigorous opposition from the local municipality and that there were enabling clauses and the Legislature announced without taking any action. The Government took the view that the legal formalities had not been complied with by either municipality and that there were sewer and water problems in Vancouver city that would occupy all possible attention and money during the next few years.

Mayor Taylor then jumped into the field with a red hot agitation against the Government, alleging that the refusal of the Government was based on political grounds and that the refusal was a new provocation party. The climax of the agitation came Saturday night when two thousand associations in mass meeting called on the five members for Vancouver in the legislature to resign.

Taylor challenged any or all to come to his mind and he immediately submitted his invitation to Attorney General Power. The mayor, whose personal political Liberalism has been in politics, said that he could get satisfaction out of neither political party, Liberal or Conservative, and proposed that they should meet and be formed to fight both. No action was taken along this line.

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British Girls Go to Utah. Government's Attention Directed to Report Which Will Be Investigated. London, March 6.—Home Secretary Churchill stated in the House today that the attention of the Government had been attracted to the recent allegations of Mormon activity among the women of this country and has been an investigation. While he had no official confirmation to support the assertions that young girls were being induced to emigrate to Utah there was no doubt, the Secretary said, that the matter was causing deep concern and he proposed to report it exhaustively.

Halifax, March 6.—Chief Justice Longley, who, it is learned, had a slight paralysis of the face, had a second on Saturday, and is suffering under internal shock. The attending physician reports that the result is uncertain, but he lives. The time or the end may come suddenly.

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